

## EARLY HOUSES IN VAN NUYS

The following list was submitted by Mrs. Olive Reynolds of 13552 Erwin Street, Van Nuys (785-5916). The houses mentioned were built between 1911 and 1915 and are, therefore, over sixty years old. Mrs. Reynolds has named each house for its original owner-occupant except for the Smith house, which was named for its first occupant, a renter.

- HUFFAKER HOUSE. 14359 Sylvan. Built 1911. "The low stone fence was intended to help keep out flood waters."
- BEVIS HOUSE. 14253 Gilmore. An early and present resident is Davis. <sup>Tehid</sup> House has been kept in good and original condition.
- LEMAY HOUSE. 14249 Gilmore. In same good condition as Bevis House. <sup>2 story white</sup>
- VINCENT HOUSE. 14263 Kittridge. Early resident, <sup>Ben</sup> Halverson.
- CRIPPEN HOUSE. 14603 Gilmore. Early resident, Malcolm.
- BIGGERT HOUSE. 6735 Cedros. An interesting, large old frame house with old style windows. The siding does not appear to be the original.
- <sup>CALHOUN</sup> MOLLETT HOUSE. <sup>14237 Vanowen</sup> 14157 Vanowen.
- COLEMAN HOUSE. 14154 Vanowen. Early resident, Alexander. Apparently not the original shingle siding. <sup>many weeds</sup>
- SMITH HOUSE. 14857 Gilmore. The renter was Nathan Smith, first principal of the Van Nuys High School, who moved with his family into this house in 1914. The house had been built several years before, but never occupied. Smith paid \$25.00 per month rent for this four bedroom house. It had no electricity, gas, water for drinking or cooking, or telephone in 1914.
- CAMPBELL HOUSE. 13734 Erwin. This house was originally situated on Woodman around the corner from its present location. It is typical of the large ranch houses of the period. The original exterior was siding or shingle.
- OLSEN HOUSE. 6651 Vesper. Early resident, MacMillan.
- KELLOG HOUSE. 14816 Friar.
- STREIT HOUSE. 14735 Friar.
- BAIRD HOUSE. ✓ 14603 Hamlin. Not as old as other houses listed, but probably fifty-five to sixty years old. In excellent condition. Early resident, Sutton.

There were a number of large, beautiful homes on that section of Sherman Way now called Van Nuys Boulevard. Among these were the homes of Whitsett, Whitson, Pickrell, and Harding. All of these are long gone.